BEFORE YOU BORROW

All Michigan Public Schools are required to become Qualified or seek Prior Approval before borrowing money for operating expenses.

This includes loans designed to 'bridge the gap' between the beginning of the educational fiscal year and state aid payments, **regardless of lender**.

Qualification can take up to 30 business days from date of application.

It is strongly recommended that all schools apply for qualification even if they do not anticipate a future need. In the event a financial emergency occurs, the process will not be delayed.

Schools which anticipate borrowing should file a Qualifying Statement Application, signed by School Board designated Chief Administrative Officer, as soon as possible to expedite the process.

Links for further information:

Qualifying Statement Application - Form 3883
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/3883_8840_7.pdf
Application for Prior Approval (for those who are not eligible for Qualification)
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/1435_8839_7.pdf

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